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some benefit from reading his book— not to please him, but for their own good.

C. W. V.

**The Four Gospels.** A New Translation from the Greek Text direct; with Reference to the Vulgate and the Ancient Syriac Version. By VERY REV. FRANCIS ALOSYSIUS SPENCER, O.P. Preface by His Eminence James, Cardinal Gibbons. New York: William H. Young & Co., 1898. xii + 280 pp. \$1.50.

In the making of this translation use has been made of the readings which represent the consensus of well-known editors, such as Tischendorf, Westcott and Hort, Lachmann, and the revisors. At the same time attention is called to the variation between the Vulgate and the Greek. The text is broken into sections, each with an appropriate title. Some of these are not altogether happy, as, for example, John 8: 21-29 stands under the heading, "Under Threat of Eternal Condemnation for Unbelief He Declares His Divinity." The text is further broken into the readings for the Sundays and principal feasts of the Roman church. Independence of translation is to be noticed in 8: 25, which he translates: "They said unto him therefore, 'Who are you?' Jesus said unto them, 'That which also I declare to you — The Beginning.'" In general the English is modern and vivid, though hardly to be compared in this respect with the extremely interesting "Twentieth Century New Testament," a portion of which has just been issued by the *Review of Reviews* in London. The volume has a reproduction of a number of portraits of Christ and the evangelists, which do not add especially to its value. It should also be noticed that the volume by its references constitutes a partial harmony of the gospels.

S. M.

**A Manual of Patrology;** being a Concise Account of the Chief Persons, Sects, Orders, etc., in Christian History from the First Century to the Period of the Reformation. With select Bibliographical References. By WALLACE NELSON STEARNS, A.M., B.D. With an Introduction by J. H. Thayer, D.D., Litt.D., Professor in the Divinity School of Harvard University. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1899. xviii + 176 pp. \$1.50, *net*.

There has been need of a book of precisely this character, and every student of historical theology and of church history will welcome it as